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Republican State Convention.
A republican state convention to nominate candidates for state officers and electors for president and vice-president of the United States and for the nomination of other business will be held at Whitney's opera house in the city of Detroit at 11 o'clock a. m. on Wednesday, August 13, 1884. In accordance with a resolution adopted at Grand Rapids, May 10, 1876, every county will be entitled to one delegate for each 500 of the total votes cast for governor at the last state election (in 1882) and one additional delegate for every fraction of 300 votes, but each organized county will be entitled to at least one delegate. Crawford county is entitled to but one delegate.

Blaine's Personal Qualities.
Not even President Garfield attached people to him by his personal qualities more closely than Mr. Blaine. His enemies are not to be found best or longest. A man in his position becomes a target for all the partisan and personal spite that can be raked up, but it is a fact which always gives Mr. Blaine a great and sometimes unexpected strength that attacks upon him almost never come from any direction except that of strangers.

It is not to be expected that a man of Mr. Blaine's positive habits and vigorous methods could pursue a long public career as a leader of leaders without making enemies. No man of his caliber can go through the world without hitting a considerable number of his fellow men in places that hurt, and so there are memories of sore spots which in one way and another will show themselves when an opportunity presents itself. But in spite of all the dead and wounded who have been carried off from his battle fields, whose friends can never forget from whom the blow came that disabled them, the fight remains that he holds the respect even of those who bestow their hatred upon him and the personal confidence of nearly every human being with whom he ever came in contact. There is hardly a republican who has served with him in congress or met him in a political way elsewhere that is not enthusiastically in his favor.

There are few democrats who have had a chance to come into his acquaintance that are not proud to reckon themselves among his friends. Mr. Blaine's splendid qualities which are learned by familiar intercourse and which have always given him great power among his neighbors at home and his own constituents, will tell as they ought to—for they are among important elements that go to make up character—in the progress of the campaign. It is like him to take the direction of his own career. He never shirks responsibility, or fails to lead the column. His wins admiration as he goes and receives the faith and trust of the people as things that belong to him rightfully as their chief captain. —Post and Tribune.

Gath and the Independents.
Several years ago I trained with reformers, and a more cold-hearted pack of scoundrels I never knew. They were nearly all egotists, with but little balance of character, and that is why they preferred to be reformers rather than upright partisans. Some little link or scrap or insect seemed to them bigger than the great question on hand. Sometimes they had not been consulted. At other times they had done some frightful violence to human nature, and could not support the nomination because they were conscious of their own inhumanity. It matters nothing to the young men who have acted with the republican party if Blaine is beaten; they can fall into line behind the chief magistrate, whatever be his party relations. But assassinating Mr. Blaine will be an end to civil service reform pretensions in this country. If this respecting of persons is to demolish our conventions and popular systems let the egotists fall into the ditch they have dug. Blaine is too much of a man to please any enemy. It has been his misfortune at different times in his life to entertain at his house and table some of those reformers, men who are essentially spies by nature and only knew a gentleman for the purpose of reporting something against him. —Gath in Cincinnati Enquirer.

Highway contracts for sale at the A. Palmer office.

Campaign Clubs.
The republican state central committee have taken rooms at No. 68 Congress street west, and entered upon the work of the campaign by issuing a circular urging the importance of clubs. "The formation of a Blaine and Logan club," they say, "is desired in every school district in Michigan. Such an organization is deemed necessary for the advancement of the principles of the republican party, and the success of its candidates, and that the general interest and success of the party may be subserved by perfecting organization on the part of all republicans."

With this circular the committee have sent out a convenient draft for the constitution and by-laws of clubs, with a request that reports be made to the committee whenever one is formed, to the end that papers and documents may be sent during the campaign.

Associations of the kind suggested are of exceeding importance to the welfare of the party. They form the most convenient medium for communication between the republicans of the various localities and the committee having the general oversight of the canvass. More important than this, even, they bring the voters together, and especially the young men, and give them a chance to discuss and mutual encouragement. Another use of the local club is to make preparations for, and take charge of, the public meetings of the campaign, and receive and entertain the speakers who come from abroad. The various clubs of a town, or even of a county, may on occasion unite in a procession or other public demonstration so as to draw variety and attraction to the more serious portions of the program.

The club forms the unit of the campaign—the prime organization for the advancement of party doctrine. It brings the issues home to the people for discussion. It is the common school of political training. The action of the committee is wise in calling attention to the importance of neighborhood association thus early in the season, and the good results of their action are sure to become manifest as the work goes on. —Post and Tribune.

Our Leader.
In our candidate we do not look for impossible attributes of perfection or infallibility. His reputation may have led him at times into the borders of rashness. The loyalty of his friends may sometimes have obscured his clear vision of what is really expediency. The turmoil of party strife, or in the struggles incident to a legislative period, rife with implacable animosities, he may have departed more than once from the strict rule of etiquette and ethics which govern the clergyman in his pulpit, or the banker at his desk. The marvelous vital energy of James G. Blaine always spurred him into the thickest of the fray. Small wonder that he escaped without some slight confusion. Shall the snake-bitten timid friend, who has periled his life in the effort to stay a threatening configuration, be derided and buffeted by the clean-shaven, white-headed spectator of his toils? Heaven forbid!

Those who delight to say that Mr. Blaine is a visionary man, lacking in practical sagacity and tact, devoid of executive ability, a vain theorist abounding in dangerous heresies, will be invited to study his record of six years as speaker of the house of representatives. If any think he is a shallow and superficially smart pretender, we will add references to the sources where this count in the indictment may be carefully studied. We cannot undertake to print in this Journal even his principal writings and speeches which will refute this charge; for such a course would fill our entire paper from now until the date of election. If any one considers Mr. Blaine a "dangerous" man in diplomacy, we will even reason with him; though we confess to some impatience to enter upon an argument where we shall have to meet not only prejudice and presumption, but also most astounding ignorance. —Hay City Tribune.

Congressman Lyman, the independent member from the ninth Massachusetts district, in his letter refusing to support Blaine and Logan, says: "General Logan is a brave, frank, and honest man, but little, narrow, and prejudiced." The Boston Journal reports as follows: "When the country was in danger, John Logan had no time to cultivate the virtues, but thousands of literary men at home were mighty glad that a hundred thousand white men like John Logan were at the front."

Blaine and His Record.
The democratic party has nothing to gain by a campaign of slander in 1884. On the contrary it has every thing to lose. James G. Blaine and John A. Logan are recognized as the representatives of the highest type of the republicans of to-day. Their public records are by no means spotless, but they will stand the test of criticism quiet as well as their democratic opponents, whoever they may be. Democratic organs and democratic organs will only waste their wind and space by reviving the old attacks upon Blaine. The Plumed Knight has become the accepted leader of the republican party in the faces of all that has been said against him. The charges published in the democratic newspapers have had all the effect it ever will have. Not one vote in a thousand takes any stock in them, and the charges concerning his railroad transactions and ginsaw legislation have been fully ventilated and fallen harmless at his feet. Blaine's record is an open book. It is linked with the entire history of the republican party. He is proud of it, and the republican party is proud of it. All the evil that can be said of him has been repeated a thousand times, and yet he stands to-day as the ideal representative of his party, with whose inseparable link. No republican converts will be made by reviving the thousand scandals that have long since been repudiated, and Blaine certainly has no anxiety on this score. If the democratic party find no better lines of attack it might as well retire from the field. —Detroit Journal.

Timid Independents.
The New York and Boston independents appear to be afraid to act. They wait every few days and solemnly resolve that the country is likely to go to ruin in the event of Blaine's election, and then they adjourn. The meeting just held in New York resulted in nothing. The candidates who attended again gave voice to their dissatisfaction with the free candidates, and the persons who were unable to be present sent letters, which were read. All in favor of (Frederic) Cleveland.

If Cleveland should chance to be the nominee in July there would be no independent movement at all. The dissatisfied republicans would vote the democratic ticket, and that would be the end of it. The movement thus loses the significance of a bolt and becomes simply an abandonment of the republican party by a certain number of its old-time members and leaders, who do not find themselves in accord with its ruling sentiment at the present time. Such things have happened before and the republican party has gone right on in the path of victory. If the independents were brave and sincere men they would have a new party in the field before the Fourth of July. —Chicago Herald and Ex.

While many of the state papers are booming gubernatorial candidates, it is noticeable that the majority of booms are instigated by local or personal reasons, and the AVALANCHE has no fault to find with the plan or with the candidates mentioned, yet among them all we have noticed one name that stands prominent in the state, as a representative man of liberal views, large experience, and personal knowledge of the needs of our great state, and with a mind large enough to recognize them as they may arise. A soldier and a friend of the soldier, a man who would honor the state and the position of governor, Gen. R. A. Alger.

The queen of all trees indigenous to our latitude, and which develops most into an object of beauty, is the sugar maple. This gem of a tree is often discarded by planters from its supposed slowness of growth. This, however, is a matter of circumstance, rather than of necessity. If one goes into a forest and selects his trees from a thicket, using little or no care in getting a moderate amount of root, and then carelessly plants and afterwards leaves his trees to the merciless rule of the elements, the growth will certainly be slow, if, indeed, they grow at all. —Ex.

"There There" Plains.
Unless we mistake the public pulse, about the close of this season or before will witness a grand rush to the plains region west of here. Men who have hitherto spoken of plains only in doubt, when not in contempt, may now be heard to weigh arguments in its favor with a credulous air. Unless the poor man sells this bright light for a mass of potage, by allowing the speculator to get the start of him here as elsewhere, the plains portion of this country will soon be converted into waving meadows and herded pastures. —Hillman Review.

Neal Dow of Maine has boiled the prohibition nomination and come out strongly for Blaine.
The probabilities now appear to be that congress will not adjourn before the middle of July.
The president has appointed ex-Governor Kincaid of Nevada, governor of Alaska, and Col. G. A. Pierce of the Chicago News governor of Dakota.
General Swain's counsel appealed to the president to abandon the proposed court martial, but he would not consent to do so.
The Ohio democratic convention at Columbus last week instructed their delegates to Chicago to support Tilden.

How do the greenbackers of Michigan like the way the democracy treated General Butler at Detroit, Tuesday? These "sticklers" must be beaten. —Lansing Sentinel. —Sticklers is good.
The Indiana prohibitionists will put a State ticket in the field. Another impracticable party making nominations in the interest of the democracy, either indirectly or by arrangement.

The Indiana democrats, in convention assembled, adopted a lengthy platform, and recommended that they support McDonald as a presidential candidate.
The Irish Nation says: That if the democratic voters have to make their choice between Blaine or Cleveland, he has no hesitation in saying that enough of them would prefer the former to make his election certain.

The house committee on elections by a party vote agreed to unseat Representative Wilson of Iowa, who had 33 majority. Good. More campaign thunder furnished by the democracy.
Cleveland goes to Chicago like the czar, surrounded by the assassins of his predecessor and followed by his own.
Pittsburg Dispatch (rep.) says: It is for fact no republican candidate in the memory of the present generation has had as good a chance of carrying several southern states as Mr. Blaine.

Indianapolis Journal (rep.) says: The people, the masses, are behind Blaine. They believe in him and in republicanism; they nominate him above all others and above all others will they elect him.
New York Sun (dem.) says: Under Mr. Cleveland's administration the democratic party in New York has become a weaker and less effective organization than when he received its nomination for governor.

Philadelphia Telegraph (ind.) says: If the democratic leaders continue to call Mr. Randall and his followers traitors and liars they will do as much as the republican leaders to make votes for the republican ticket.
The independent republicans have appointed a committee of which Carl Schurz is chairman, to propose an address to the republican voters of the country, setting forth the reasons for opposing Blaine and Logan.

The Irish World says: "That if the democracy does not nominate General Butler, for president, it will support Blaine, because it wants a more vigorous policy. It says the democrats cannot hold the Irish vote unless Butler is made the candidate."
The English press is giving advice to American democrats that their future is at stake on the tariff question, and recommend a free trade platform. The democratic fly, however, is too cumbersome to stumble into such a spider's web.
El H. Murray has been reappointed governor of Utah, by the president. The nomination does not seem to have much influence in Washington as they did before the democratic party took them under its protection. What a huddled collection of chickens that old hen has to provide for!

Cleveland Letter (rep.): Every man who believes in a home policy, rationed to promote national prosperity, and who advocates a foreign policy capable of placing the United States in a position of power and influence will support the republican candidates.
New York Truth (ind.): There is nothing left them, but to nominate the old ticket. Many democrats still believe and they are right in believing. Mr. Wilson is the only candidate who can lead the party to victory in November. They tenaciously cling to him as their only hope. Mr. Wilson's candidacy may cost him his life, but his refusal to be the candidate will be the end of the democratic party.

The Detroit Journal says: "That J. R. Garbaugh, of Collins, has a calf that is strangely and peculiarly constructed, resembling different animals. Its head is shaped like a rabbit, has hog's feet, and the back of neck and shoulders resembling a hippopotamus. It is a curious monstrosity, or a what is it? Greenbacker, by gingo."
The sectionalism of the democratic party is shown by the fact that while it proposes to put lumber and salt, great staples of the north, on the free list, they will leave sugar, a southern product untouched. If they placed sugar on the free list they would lose Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New York and Wisconsin are republican, and they do not care for them.

Blaine and Logan have marked out their parts in the brilliant foreign policy Blaine is to go for Englishmen, while Logan will treat the language. —Portland Argus, (dem). You are mistaken, it is the democrats that Logan mauls, and does it well too, as the southern wing of the party will testify. The correctness of the language used by General Logan should not be questioned by a member of a party of which six out of ten of its members cannot read nor write.

The editor of the Boston Pilot, who was interviewed in New York the other day, when he declared that Butler was the only man that could stand any show of carrying Massachusetts against the republicans, and that Butler will run as an independent if the democrats do not nominate him; and that Blaine is a strong nomination, and will have a large Irish vote as against any democratic nominee except Butler. He pronounces the independent movement as of little importance.

A republican organ claims that 1,500 American land leaguers are organizing to vote for Blaine and Logan in Cincinnati. The Boston Pilot, the leading land league organ of Massachusetts, says Blaine and Logan can beat any ticket the democrats may nominate. A similar feeling is developing among the fishermen of Chicago and Milwaukee. They want a man for President who has the courage to protect American interests and American citizenship, and they think Blaine is just the man for that. —Detroit Tribune.

The McConnellsville Courier, (dem.) says: "There is no other field of human action where the white-winged hypocrite comes to the front with his ridiculous whine so often as in politics." Hard on the independents, but not any too severe, for they will know that nothing can be accomplished in politics outside of the two prominent parties. An independent in politics, especially the publisher of a journal is nothing more than a guerilla, or a free lance, who is in the market waiting for a purchaser, and they care little for the merits of the question, they are called upon to help decide. There are Dugaid Dubgetty's in politics, as well as in war.

Receipt for Making a Live Town.
1. Sell your building lots at reasonable prices.
2. If you can afford to do so, donate a building lot for some large business enterprise and thereby enhance the value of town property.
3. Induce business men to locate in your own town.
4. Patronize the business men of your own town.
5. Always sum up your expenses when you visit places outside of your own town to buy goods.
6. Speak well of worthy public enterprises.
7. If anything should be undertaken that may be a benefit to the town, do not speak ill of it to others, because you happen to be prejudiced against it.
8. Speak well to strangers of your own town and its people.
9. If you have a surplus of money do not invest in far-off speculation, but give yourself and your town the benefit of it by establishing some profitable factory.

10. Encourage your local newspaper by subscribing for, advertising in and paying for it, instead of sneaking against it; so that persons living at a distance will know that all kinds of business is being done in your town, so that they will want to come and settle among you.
The Ladington Record, says that it witnessed a spectacle a few days since, of a strong able-bodied man pleading for the admission of his old and helpless father to the poor house. He didn't succeed. The commissioners of the poor in that county certainly have no levels of compassion, or they would have admitted him and run the son out of the county.

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